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The attitude of Gratitude

Int. Ingratitude, one of man's gravest sins of the soul.
Exp. so in light of the divine injunctions contained in the Holy Scriptures.
 ✓ 1. Ps. 100. Joyful sound. Singing! thanksgiving. Praise.
 ✓ 2. Col. 3:15-17. Be at peace. Sing. Be thankful.
Problem: Man's attitude of ingratitude?

1. Too busy to stop and look up. Give thanks.
 Ill. Like ~~hog~~ eating acorns. Never looks up. Too busy.
 Unaware (ignorant) of the source of his blessings. Greedy.
 Ill. Like father and two wailing sons. Neighbor asked why!? Father said, "because I've got three pieces of candy and each boy wants two. That's what's wrong with the whole world!" ^{man a spiritual being}

Solution: John 14:6. John 15:22. ^{Ps. 8:4-9}

I Jesus Set As a Perfect Example on Gratitude

H. tried to tell men that "If your treasure is on earth, you are going from it, and if your treasure is in heaven you are going to it."

✓ 1. Matt. 6:19-21. Jesus' heart was more in Heaven than it ever was on earth. Close to God.

a. Ill. Thanked God for 7 loaves and a "few small fishes." ~~Prayer~~

f. Farmer thank God for 10 bushels of shelled corn?? God can make it 300 bushels!!!
 Seed 3,000 too.

2. What is the problem with a nation which can take so many wonderful blessings and spend so little time in expressing thanks for them
answer: "History is littered with stories of nations destroyed by their wealth and ingratitude. Calvin Coolidge."

note: These were people who cultivated their SOIL, but did not cultivate their souls.
 Va. Ill. Matt. 26:26-29. Gave thanks for each morsel of bread. Each could drink of water or wine. Mk. 14. Lk. 22. I Cor. 11:25.

3. Question: (Grace) before all meals? yes.
 a. Noisy, busy restaurant? Silent prayer from heart.
 b. Quiet, relaxed cafe? Pray as usual. ^{Heads bowed.}

4. Our Giving is one ear-mark of our true devotion to God. M.T. to be Complimented? Not like "The Dollar-Giver." *

Inv. God never forgets His children. Lk. 12:6-7.
 great lesson: It hurts Him when His children forget Him. Jer. 2:32.
Ill. It hurts MAN when he is forgotten.

Dr. Evans. Cimitan Club. Wept openly. No flowers or visits.

Best way to show appreciation: ① Sinner friend: 1. acts 16:31. 3. Matt. 10:32. 2. Lk. 13:3. 4. acts 22:16.
 ② Wayward child: ~~James 1:9~~ I John 1:9.
 Identify and stay busy. I Cor. 15:58.